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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES,
Presiding Officer

TOWNS, VILLAGES AND CITIES COMMITTEE

FRANCIS X. BECKER, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, February 9, 2015
2:25 P.M

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S :

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4 FRANCIS X. BECKER,
Chairman5 DONALD MACKENZIE,
Vice Chairman

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LAURA SCHAEFER

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HOWARD KOPEL

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DELIA DERIGGI WHITTON
Ranking

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10 LAURA CURRAN

11 KEVAN ABRAHAMS

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2 CHAIRMAN BECKER: Calling the
3 Towns, Villages and Cities Committee to
4 order to do a roll call. Is everybody here?
5 Vice Chair Don MacKenzie is here.
6 Legislator Schaefer?

7 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

8 CHAIRMAN BECKER: Legislator
9 Kopel?

10 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

11 CHAIRMAN BECKER: Ranking
12 Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton?

13 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
14 Here.

15 CHAIRMAN BECKER: Legislator
16 Curran?

17 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Here.

18 CHAIRMAN BECKER: Legislator
19 Abrahams?

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

21 CHAIRMAN BECKER: We have one
22 item on the agenda. It's the ordinance to
23 implement the local Government Assistance
24 Program in Nassau county. This allows us to
25 share sales tax with our local cities,

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2 villages and towns. Do we have anybody to
3 speak on this? A motion, please.

4 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

5 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN BECKER: Moved by
7 Legislator Kopel, seconded by Legislator
8 Schaefer. Do we have anybody out there to
9 speak on this? There's a legislator with a
10 question. Do you have an answer to his
11 question. Legislator Abrahams, you want to
12 pass this through?

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: This
14 happened years ago, and a couple of
15 different administrations ago.

16 If I remember correctly, it was
17 based off a census. I just curious, from
18 what I'm being told, these numbers haven't
19 changed. I know the census in Nassau County
20 hasn't been increased in the last 15 some
21 odd years since we've done this or initiated
22 this, I have to think that the census
23 possibly within some of these villages quite
24 clearly could have changed.

25 CHAIRMAN BECKER: So, what I

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2 would like to do is, it does indicate, as
3 you suggest, that the actual sales and tax
4 revenues received are to be adjusted on a
5 quarterly basis.

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm saying,
7 like, how do we get to -- originally when we
8 got to these numbers, I thought we got to
9 them with the conclusion based off the
10 population of each village. Wasn't that the
11 original way of how we got to --

12 CHAIRMAN BECKER: I believe
13 that's correct. So, if the numbers haven't
14 changed, it doesn't seem like it's been
15 updated, so why don't we request the
16 administration to review these numbers and,
17 if they need to be changed at Full Leg, that
18 they should be. Could we pass it through?
19 We want the villages and the towns and
20 cities to get their money. It's not tons of
21 money but it's something.

22 Are you comfortable with that,
23 Minority Leader? I will make sure that the
24 administration knows of your question and, I
25 agree with that, if the numbers are the same

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2 and they have not been updated, they need to
3 be, for how ever the census might have
4 changed per the various -- probably not a
5 great deal but, keeping with the ordinance,
6 that's the way it should be.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Fran, I
8 don't know if Connie heard everything that
9 we discussed. Okay, you did, Connie.

10 CHAIRMAN BECKER: All in favor of
11 moving this on to Full Leg please say aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 Any opposed?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 None opposed so it passes
16 unanimously. I'll take a motion to close
17 the committee.

18 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN BECKER: Moved by
21 Legislator Kopel, seconded by Legislator
22 Schaefer. All those in favor of closing say
23 aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 Any opposed?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 Session is closed. Economic and
4 Community Development is next.

5 (Whereupon, the Towns, Villages
6 and Cities Committee adjourned at 2:31 p.m.)

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I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and
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ability and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand this 23rd day of February, 2015.

FRANK GRAY